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TOP STORY

Government Checks Jobs and Prices

WASHINGTON — — The government checked on jobs and prices this month. Fewer new jobs were added than expected. Experts call this a weak jobs report. A report on prices also came out. Money experts, called economists, say this matters. Leaders who watch the nation's money will use the numbers. They help decide about loan rates. Families may notice this at stores.

GOVERNMENT

Maine Gets Ready to Vote

AUGUSTA, MAINE — — Maine will hold big elections this year. People will vote for new leaders. One important race is for U.S. Senator, a big job in government. Voting lets people choose who makes laws. Kids can learn about voting from family. Election day will come this fall. Many volunteers help run elections. Voting is a key part of democracy, the way people choose leaders.

SCIENCE & TECH

A Galaxy With Extra Arms

Space.com shared a new space photo today. It shows a glowing galaxy far away. A galaxy is a huge group of stars. This galaxy has extra arms. Most galaxies have fewer arms like it. Scientists think the extra arms are unusual. They want to study why they formed. The photo helps us learn about space.

SPORTS

Yankees Keep Scoring Big

NEW YORK — — The New York Yankees won a baseball game last night. They beat the Houston Astros 9 to 3. The game was played at Yankee Stadium. This was the third game in a row with big scoring. The Yankees scored seven or more runs each time. Fans cheered for the strong hitting. The team looks hot right now.

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees Yankees 9, Astros 3

Third straight game scoring seven or more runs; played Aug. 27 at Yankee Stadium.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Sharks Spotted Near Maine Beaches

PORTLAND, MAINE — — Sharks are near Maine beaches this summer. People saw them close to shore. Lifeguards are watching the water. They want everyone to stay safe. Sharks mostly stay far from people. Beach visits are still fun. Just listen to lifeguards. Stay alert near the water.

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.nr0.htm> and <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>; CNN, <https://www.cnn.com/2026/08/08/business/jobs-report-fed-warsh-inflation>, Wikipedia, 2026 Maine elections, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_Maine_elections; 2026 United States Senate election in Maine, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_United_States_Senate_election_in_Maine, Space.com, Aug. 27, 2026, <https://www.space.com/astronomy/galaxies/glowing-galaxy-with-anomalous-extra-arms-space-photo-of-the-day-for-aug-27-2026>, MLB.com, <https://www.mlb.com/stories/game/823503>; ESPN box score, https://www.espn.com/mlb/boxscore/_/gameId/401816696, Portland Press Herald, <https://www.pressherald.com/2026/08/13/explore-shark-sightings-southern-maine/>